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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 16TH, 1906.

There has been a great deal of talk lately about America rushing troops to Manila in expectation of trouble in China, and our telegram today probably has connection therewith. No one regarded the matter as anything more serious than a yellow news paper scare, until the American Government took the trouble to deny that any extraordinary movement of troops was contemplated. Upon this, naturally, the assumption was that there must be "something in it." Assuming that there have been reasonable causes for this American nervousness—which, by the way, is apparent at nearly all the Treaty Ports—what was their nature? It might have been only a kind of "bluff," to remind official China of the possible consequences of a continuation of the boycott; but there are other circumstances which that theory cannot account for. We may say at once that there are apprehensions of another anti-foreign rising; and that the first alarms have come from the religious missions in the interior. A certain consulate at Amoy, for instance, has been deluged lately with reports and inquiries from missionaries, asking if they are to be recalled, or otherwise, if any steps are being taken to ward off the catastrophe which they regard as imminent. The *Singapore* reports that a number of "armed robbers" made an attack on missionary premises at Changchou, in Changchou, about 60 miles from Amoy. The missionaries escaped without injury, though one of them had to take refuge in the magistrate's

Yamen. That might seem to account for many rumours, but it does not. The incident followed the rumours, and we have fairly good authority for saying that the Chinese journal's description of the law-breakers as mere "robbers" is misleading. At Amoy the foreign community feel sure of the nature of the trouble. Chinese Christians with their families and moveable property have been coming into the Settlement with noticeable frequency, and settling there. At Shanghai it is reported there is a "continued feeling of anxiety," and a gentleman who scorns the idea that the events of 1900 are likely to be repeated rather gives himself away in the following passage: "So far as I can see—and I stand in pretty close communication with Chinese of several provinces—while there is a more general agitation all over the country than ever before, it is so unlike the agitation preceding the Boxer trouble that there is not the thousandth part of a probability that it will have a similar result. Not every breeze is the forerunner of a typhoon." He makes it quite clear that there is a breeze of some sort blowing. The people of Canton are not yet reassured that all is well, and at Tientsin there appears to be a general feeling that the foreign community is treading on thin ice. The *Peking and Tientsin Times* on Feb. 1st remarked: "Our relations with H.E. the Viceroy have been throughout the most cordial, and his unfailing courtesy and hospitality to all naturally inspire a desire on the part of the community to maintain those relations at any reasonable cost." The last words, which we have italicised, have peculiar significance when read in conjunction with the article headed "A Tientsin Incident," which we reproduce elsewhere. The British Municipal Council and the Consul-General appear *prima facie* to have done a shameful thing in handing over to Chinese "justice" an old British servant for an offence which at the worst was a mild form of *larceny*; and we can only assume that they were induced thereto by most serious considerations—in the endeavour, "at any reasonable cost," to avoid precipitating a crisis which might not pass over as well as did the December affair at Shanghai. This native constable in the British service was sentenced by the Viceroy, on a charge of which his employers had declared him innocent, to a thousand blows and three years' imprisonment with hard labour, "virtually a death sentence," as the *N.C. Daily News* remarks. It must be remembered that the EMPRESS-DOWAGER's edicts of last year, reforming Chinese criminal jurisprudence, have been officially ignored all over China. There is the case of the offender recently hanged to death; and the still more recent case of an employee in the Nanking Powder Works who was found guilty of stealing gunpowder, and was ordered to be summarily decapitated by Viceroy Chou Fu. The culprit was beheaded on Chinese New Year's Eve. At present it is stated that the Tientsin constable, whose real sin in Chinese eyes was that he served foreigners, has not been maltreated; and we hope that YUAN SHIH-KAI will further show his wisdom by releasing the man. His surrender at all was another blow to British prestige in China; and, as we have suggested, may be regarded as another indication of foreign timorousness.

Vladivostok is closed owing to the breakdown of the ice-breakers. The German mail of Jan. 17th was delivered in London on the 14th inst. The Seoul-Fusan Railway Co. will establish iron-works and a dry dock at Fusan. The Italian Legation at Tokyo is to be raised to an Embassy. The Government monopoly on the sale of prepared opium is now to be extended to Kiangsu province. In reply to Viceroy Shun, the Waiwupai has stated that no foreigner will be employed in connection with the opening of Chifu-fenou. The offices of Messrs. Durand, Cobb & Co., at Yokohama, insured with the Netherland Fire Insurance Co. for Y8,000, were burnt down on February 1st. Admiral Togo is to go with two armoured cruisers to the military and naval exhibition in April-May at Jamestown, U. S. A., and will return home by way of Europe. A celebration of the development of railways in Japan is to be held at Nagoya in May next, the total mileage in the empire having now reached 5,000 miles. The Miyahara boiler (invented by Engineer-Admiral Miyahara) proved so successful in the late war, while its cost is half that of the French boiler hitherto used, that it is to be adopted in future in the Japanese navy.

The Russian Grand-Duke Alexis is expected to visit Japan in March or April next.

Both the steamers *Hongkong-Maru* and the *Abercrombie*, whose collision at Yokohama some weeks ago was reported, were insured on the London market.

The German Minister has informed the Waiwupai that, with the exception of 360 troops at Peking and 400 at Tientsin, all the German forces in China will be withdrawn before the end of April next.

A fire at Tokyo on January 31st destroyed 434 houses and 5 godowns, including the Kofuku Temple and a weaving factory; 31 dwellings were partially destroyed, and several firemen were more or less injured.

The British steamer *Asbold*, at Moji from Vladivostok, reported that the H.A. L. S. *Sylvia* sank after striking the mine, and was not heeled, and that 500 troops out of the 1,000 on board were killed or injured.

Orders were received at Devonport for the *Donicpal*, cruiser, in the Reserve Division at that port, to be completed to full complement on February 6 for service on the China Station under the command of Capt. W. J. Grogan, who will relieve Capt. H. A. S. Fryer.

The funeral of His Majesty the late King of Denmark will take place on February 18th. A salute of 21 guns will be fired at all local Saluting Stations at 1 p.m. on that date. After the 18th instant flags will cease to be hoisted half mast high, and mourning will not be worn.

We note the arrival of Mr. Antonio de Menezes Vasconcellos, former Member of the Portuguese Parliament, Director of Banco de Portugal, and Director of the Companhia de Moçambique. We understand that Mr. Vasconcellos is visiting Macao in connection with the Banco Nacional Ultramarino.

The following notification has been received from the Government of Madras:—"The Governor in Council is pleased to withdraw the regulations under the Venice Sanitary Convention, imposed at all the unfested ports of the Madras Presidency against vessels arriving from Hongkong."

The *Nanfangpao* says that the complaint against the British police officers in connection with the Mixed Court fracas has not been dropped, but the Waiwupai consider it derogatory to China's dignity to prosecute them before the Supreme Court at Shanghai and they have telegraphed to the Chinese Minister in London to lay the matter before the Foreign Office.

One of the cleverest political cartoons this year appeared in the *Evening Standard*, and was drawn by Ralph Cleaver. It represents the new Premier as Nero, fiddling while Rome (British Empire) is burning. A building labelled "Ireland" is aflame, and one of the huge columns supporting the British Empire, marked "Colonies," is falling. The head of the villa most cunningly represents the features of Mr. Radmond.

By kind permission of Lt. Colonel C. H. U. Price, D.S.O., and the Officers of the 129th D.C.O. Baluchis, the band of the regiment will play the following programme at the U.S.R. Club, Kowloon, to-day, commencing at 4 p.m.:—  
Aria: "Lucia Di Lammermoor" ... Donizetti  
Fantasia: "Maritana" ... Ariz. by Kappey  
Romance: "Revil A. Anouar" ... G. P. Robertson  
Selection: "Reminiscences of England" ... Fred. Godfrey  
Valse: "Ja Jeune Vienne" ... Ph. Fahrbach  
Polka: "The Dragons" ... Fühbach

The Prime Minister has informed the Chambers of Commerce that their statement as to a proposed Minister of Commerce has been read by him with interest, and their request that Lord Jersey's committee—unanimous report in favour of the appointment of a Minister of Commerce shall be dealt with early next session has been referred to the Board of Trade for consideration. Every past President of the Board of Trade gave evidence before Lord Jersey's committee, and Mr. Balfour introduced a bill at the end of last session to carry out the recommendations of the committee, but it was too late to result in legislation.

On the arrival of the P. & O. s.s. *Dongola* at Singapore with Prince Arthur of Connaught and suite on board, it was at once reported to the police that one of the members of the Prince's party had lost a diamond ring for £200 on the Chartered Bank. It is believed that the note was stolen from his cabin. On hearing of the occurrence, Mr. Cascard, the C. P. O., took all necessary steps to have the note stopped so that it can be of no value to the finder—it was lost near to the thief—if it was stolen. The fact of its having gone amissing was noticed on the voyage between Colombo and Singapore.

Mr. Mengel, Superintendent, Imperial Chinese and Yankwei Government Telegraphs, from Yunnan, who has been visiting Blamo to procure the telegraphic materials, was probably the last European who saw Consul Litton before his lonely death in Hkangku. Mr. Mengel states that he had lunch with Mr. Litton by the roadside on January 6th. The Consul was on his way back, having been down to meet some of the railway survey party. He seemed in good spirits, but complained of a swelling of some kind on his shoulder, which prevented his shooting. He expected soon to be relieved by Mr. Ottewill, and was looking forward to a shooting tour with a friend from Blamo. Further news states that the body was carried back to Tsingyueh, where it was interred with great ceremony.

## TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

### THE OPPOSITION UNITED.

LONDON, February 15th.  
Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain have agreed on a policy of general tariff reform, embracing a small duty on foreign corn.

### THE AMERICAN SCARE RE CHINA.

LONDON, February 15th.  
The United States Government is sending four million ball cartridges to the Philippine Islands.

[BROTHER'S SERVICE.]

### THE JAPANESE MINISTER TO VIENNA.

LONDON, February 15th.  
The Japanese Minister Makino has left Vienna for Japan; most of the Ambassadors bade him farewell.

### THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

LONDON, February 15th.  
The gravity of the situation at Algiers absorbs the attention of monetary circles. France insists on controlling and officiating the police, composed of Moors, in ports and towns where insecurity is notorious, and possibly also in Fez. Germany apparently wishes to limit this privilege to secondary European States, none of which, however, are desirous of accepting it.

Semi-official recriminations continued yesterday, but telegrams from Algiers at midnight state that a real improvement is manifest and the uneasiness has disappeared.

### THE PROPOSED GRANT FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

LONDON, February 15th.  
The Committee of Appropriations have refused the supplementary credit asked for by Secretary Taft, admitting that they did not intend sending troops until it was evident that Americans in China needed protection.

LATER.  
The United States Congress is discussing a bill to exclude alien fishermen from Alaska; the Bill is aimed at checking the Japanese.

### FRANCO-RUSSIAN COMMERCIAL TREATY.

LONDON, February 15th.  
The French Chamber has adopted the Franco-Russian Commercial Treaty by 407 to 55.

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

#### THE OFF-DAY PROGRAMME.

The programme for the Off-Day of the Race Meeting to-morrow is as follows:—

THE "SPECULATION" CUP.—Presented. For all Subscription Grifflins that have run at this Meeting and not won a race. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced Ponies allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10, to go to second pony. Five Furlongs.

THE VICTORS CUP.—Presented. Value \$250. For all Grifflins that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Grifflins that have run at this Meeting and been placed second allowed 5 lb., those that have been placed third allowed 5 lb. Unplaced Subscription Grifflins allowed 10 lb. Off-Day winners barred. Entrance \$10, to go to second pony. Once Round.

THE "KING" CUP.—Presented. For all China ponies that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced ponies and *bona fide* Grifflins on date of entry allowed 5 lb. Subscription Grifflins of this and last seasons allowed 10 lb. Allowances not accumulative. Off-Day winners barred. Entrance \$10, to go to second pony. One mile and a half.

THE "ZAPETER" CUP.—Presented. For Subscription Grifflins of this season that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Grifflins allowed 5 lb. Subscription Grifflins allowed 7 lb. Off-Day winners barred. Entrance \$10, to go to second pony. One mile and a quarter.

THE GENERAL'S CUP.—Presented by Major General Villiers Hutton, C.B. For Horses 14 hands 1 inch and over. Valers to carry 10 stone for 14 lbs. 11 lb. if over that height weight for 14 inches as per scale of 8 lbs. per inch. Arab and Indian Country Breds allowed 4 lb. Entrance \$10 to go to Second Horse. One Mile.

THE "TRIUMPH" CUP.—Presented. For all China Ponies that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Grifflins allowed 5 lb. Subscription Grifflins allowed 7 lb. Off-Day winners barred. Entrance \$10, to go to second pony. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and in.

THE "RACE" CUP.—Presented. For all Grifflins that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced Ponies allowed 5 lb. Off-Day winners barred. Entrance \$10, to go to second pony. Three-Quarters of a Mile.

THE "KNIGHTS" CUP.—Value \$250. Presented. For Subscription Grifflins that have started on the Off-Day and not won a Race. Unplaced ponies on the Off-Day allowed 5 lb. Weight for inches as per scale. Half a Mile. The first saddling bell will be sounded at 1.30 p.m., and the first race starts at 2 p.m. sharp.

## HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., was held at the office of the company yesterday forenoon. There were present—Messrs. E. Goetz (chairman), N. A. Siebs, A. Haupt, F. Salinger, R. Fuhrmann, Hon. R. Shawan, C. R. Lozmann, W. A. Crickshank, (directors), J. H. Arnold, (secretary), W. E. Clarke, J. Arnold, J. R. Michael, G. T. Veitch, P. Tester, L. Berindoung, G. de Champeaux, and E. A. Stanton.

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen,—With your permission, the report and accounts will, as usual, be taken as read. The present position of the Company is so clearly set forth therein that it is unnecessary for me to detain you with many remarks. Competition, as you are aware, is as keen as ever on all the lines occupied by the Company's steamers, but, even with this drawback, the result of several half-years' working under similar adverse conditions warrants us in the belief that we shall be able to maintain the present dividend of one dollar. You will observe that the amount it is proposed to carry forward is larger than that brought over from the previous half-year, but, on the other hand, repairs to be effected during the current six months will be somewhat heavier than usual owing to new wooden decks being required for the *Honam* and *Futaba* in addition to the customary overhauling repairs. Turning to the balance sheet, I don't think that there is any item which calls for special comment. I will merely remark that, as usual, our investments in stocks stand at a figure well within their market value and that for every loan on mortgage there is a satisfactory margin.

As you no doubt have already learned our Secretary has been advised to leave the East on account of failing health. I need hardly tell you that the Board very much regrets to lose his services after having been in the Company for over 23 years, and in order to mark our appreciation of Mr. Arnold's long and faithful services the Board has decided to grant him a year's pay as retiring allowance, and I have no doubt that this will meet with your approval. We have appointed Captain Clark, who has served the Company for 28 years, as his successor. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, I shall be pleased to answer any questions bearing thereon which shareholders may wish to ask.

There being no questions, the CHAIRMAN moved, and Mr. J. R. MICHAEL seconded, the adoption of the report. This was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. BERINDOUNG, seconded by Mr. CLARK, the appointment of Messrs W. A. Crickshank and C. R. Lozmann as directors was confirmed.

Messrs. A. O'D. Gordin and W. H. Potts were re-elected auditors, on the motion of Mr. G. de CHAMPEAUX, seconded by Mr. TESTER.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow morning. Thank you, gentlemen, for your attendance.

Mr. MICHAEL May I suggest that in addition to what you are giving Mr. Arnold as retiring allowance after having been in the Company for nearly a quarter of a century, you should give him some sort of souvenir in appreciation of his services.

The CHAIRMAN—Your suggestion will have the attention of the Board.

Mr. ARNOLD—I beg to thank Mr. Michael for his kind remarks and the shareholders for the way in which they received them (applause). This brought the proceedings to a close.

### THE HONGKONG ICE CO., LTD.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of this Company was held at the office of the general managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., yesterday afternoon. Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickinson presided, and there were also present—Messrs. W. Parlane (manager), W. W. G. Ross (secretary), W. A. Crickshank, C. D. Wilkinson, C. H. Ross, H. W. Looker, C. W. May, H. P. White, A. Brooke Smith, Ho Fook and Lo Cheung-shin.

The notices convening the meeting having been read,

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, I propose, if you are agreeable, to take the report and accounts as read. Our sales of ice both to steamers and for private consumption were larger than during 1904, and the revenue derived from cold storage also shows a satisfactory increase. To meet the demand on this branch of our business an additional store was insulated during the year and the completion of another, making five in all, is about to be undertaken. The seven new ice boxes referred to at last meeting are now in course of erection, and the establishment is in a position to supply a considerably larger quantity of ice than there has been a demand for. The appropriations suggested in the report will, I hope, command themselves to you; they are dictated by a desire to strengthen the Company in view of possible opposition which has been much talked of. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I may wish to put

There being no questions, the CHAIRMAN moved that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed.

Mr. WILKINSON seconded, and the motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the re-election of Mr. Thomas Arnold as auditor.

Mr. LOOKER seconded, and the proposition was agreed to unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN—That concludes the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow on application.

## HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report of the board of directors to the ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, on Monday, the 25th inst., is as follows:—

Gentlemen,—The directors have now to submit to you their report with a statement of accounts for the half-year ended December 31st, 1905.

The net profit for the six months, after paying interest due and all charges, amounts to ... \$171,649.83 to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account \$51,332.27

\$672,982.10

and from this have to be deducted—

Directors' fees ... \$10,000.00

Auditors' fees ... 750.00

10,750.00

leaving available for appropriation \$662,232.10

The directors recommend that a dividend for the half-year of 12 per cent, or \$3 0/00,00, be paid to the shareholders, and the balance, \$662,232.10, be carried to the new account.

During the past six months 3 steel steam water-barges 2 wooden lighters and 2 large steam launches have been completed and delivered.

The dredger *Canton River* was employed at Canton removing barriers for the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs until August 15th, since which the vessel has been laid up unemployed, the other work referred to in the last report not having been commenced.

Electric drive is now being fitted in the saw mill, and a 40-ton electric crab for the boiler shop travelling cranes is now in course of erection.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. E. S. Whaller, Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson and Mr. W. E. Tilden, having left the Colony, Mr. G. H. Medhurst, Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickinson and Mr. S. Silverstone have been invited by the directors to the vacant seats at the board. These appointments require to be confirmed by the shareholders at this meeting.

In accordance with clauses 78 and 85 of the articles of the association, Mr. H. P. White and Mr. E. Goetz retire by rotation, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Sir C. Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., has been re-appointed chairman for the year 1905.

### AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Thomas Arnold and H. U. Jeffries. The directors recommend Messrs. Arnold and Jeffries for re-election.

### CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Dec. 31, 1905. ASSETS.

To value of Aberdeen Docks, as per last statement ... 100,600.00

To value of Kowloon Docks, as per last statement ... 2,361,497.34

Less amount since written off ... 14,497.34

2,550,000.00

To amount paid on account of new electric installation ... 4,819.00

To amount paid on account of shipyard, machine shed and boiler shop extension ... 1,170.00

To amount paid on account of new drawing office ... 5,293.71

To amount paid on account of hydraulic plant, new accumulator and installing same ... 3,742.00

To cost of 8-ton locomotive crane and rail and instal. ... 5,734.00

To cost of 30-ton electric crane for boiler shop ... 7,500.00

To cost of new machines for fitting shop ... 1,643.00

To cost of 30-ton electric crane for boiler shop ... 50.00

To cost of 3 inch vertical centrifugal pumps for salvage plant ... 8,613.00

2,604,634.71

### LIABILITIES.

To value of Cosmopolitan Dock, as per last statement ... 300,000.00

To amount paid building 3 cost-houses for European quarters, with rooms for Chinese servants, making and fitting cooking stoves in same ... 1,712.45

To value of tags, dredgers, launches and lighters ... 495,555.80

To sundry debtors ... 375,495.30

To value of material on hand ... 1,500,411.55

85,121,079.87

### REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Dec. 31st, 1905.

To interest ... 61,562.75

To crown rent ... 3,119.43

To fire insurance ... 3,251.83

To office expenses, stationery, and rent of head office ... 35,635.30

To legal expenses ... 2,492.22

To marine insurance account ... 155.00

To towing ... 8,900.00

To profit ... 591.40

171,649.83

\$283,168.68

July 1 to Dec. 31, 1905.

By net earnings of the company's three establishments ... 231,591.55

By dredger, net earnings ... 2,348.24

By bonus on insurance premium, &c. ... 1,527.79

\$235,467.58

A smart advertisement appears in the *Strait Times*. A Singapore firm, beside a full-size picture of 28 pennies, announces "Now fixed (dollar) rate; new fixed prices."



HONGKONG AMATEUR  
DRAMATIC CLUB.

## PRESENTATION OF "PRINCESS TOTO."

The Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club are to be congratulated on their successful presentation of "Princess Toto." Last night witnessed the inaugural performance of a week's run in the Theatre Royal, and it is satisfactory to be able to pronounce the venture as praiseworthy as any in the history of the Club. This is all the more gratifying when it is remembered that the organization has suffered the loss of some of its more prominent members, notably Mr. George Lammert, who had recently to leave very hurriedly in the interests of his wife's health, but worthy successors have been found to take the places of those who from various causes are no longer found in the ranks of the amateurs, so that the club's reputation for doing things well is not likely to experience any change or betray any indications of deterioration.

In a lecture "Princess Toto" for performance, the Club have exercised a wise judgment. It is not too intricate, and affords ample scope for individuality, especially for some of the principals in the domain of fun and frolic, while the chorus work is pleasing without being too exacting. The opera is at the same time thoroughly Gilbertian. It bristles with laughable absurdities and grotesque situations. As is pretty well known, the story, such as it is, centres round the movements of a very eccentric Royal family. King Portico, who might be described as an amiable nonentity filling an exalted position, is harassed with the necessity of maintaining his dignity, so that "we may not appear ridiculous in the eyes of surrounding nations." The extent to which this feeling possesses him is indicated by his rejoinder to the minister who opined that they would all "go stark staring mad" in the event of a certain contingency: "Well, go mad in a dignified manner, and in your severest paroxysm remember to maintain your self-respect." To add to the perplexities of the troubled monarch, his only daughter, besides possessing in abundance the usual eccentricities associated with youthful femininity, suffers from extraordinary failures of memory which naturally lead to awkward situations. Betrothed at the age of one to a Prince (Doro) who was understood to be shipwrecked and eaten by savages when he wandered from home, she was later promised in marriage to another Prince (Caramel). This youth is apparently a tardy wooer. He fails to present himself at the court at the time fixed for the wedding. Three days pass, and still no word of the claimant for the hand of the Princess. Naturally the King is becoming anxious. He dreads being made to look ridiculous in the eyes of surrounding nations. On the third day a visitor arrives at the Royal palace. This is no other than Prince Doro, who was thought to have been the victim of the cannibal instincts of a savage tribe. He is anxious to claim his bride, but the Royal parent refuses to countenance his suit and informs him that he is "officially dead." Not unnaturally, Doro does not appreciate his position and after some persuasion induces the King to consent to his marriage in order to "save face." While the ceremony is being performed, the missing bridegroom presents himself at the Palace. The minister left in charge has to explain the matter diplomatically to the Prince, and to make him see the humour of the thing. In this the minister is not quite successful, but the Prince decides to take advantage of the bride's volatile and romantic temperament to come before her as a brigand chief. He does so, and she is so charmed with the prospect of "deeds of daring do" that she goes off with him, forgetting all about Prince Doro and the fact that she is married. But when she finds that the brigands are rather unmanly-jambly sort of people, she becomes disgusted. In this frame of mind she is susceptible to the primitive charms of a Red Indian tribe, who carry her off with them. This tribe is also artificial. It is made up of the august members of her father's royal court, with the King at their head, who had formed this plan to induce her to return to the paternal shade. After some very funny situations in which the Princess fails to remember her suitors, all is sorted out, and with the Princess promising not to repeat her offence of forgetting that she is a married woman, the curtain falls.

Coming now to refer to the performance, there is nothing in it that calls for unfavourable remark. Admittedly there were times when the audience became conscious that the artists were, after all, amateurs, but on the whole the production went with a swing and a smoothness that materially added to its appreciation by last night's enthusiastic audience. The artists must have devoted considerable time to the task of perfecting themselves in their respective parts, for all of them seemed thoroughly at home on the stage, and any faults that were noticeable were of a character that would disappear in the course of the series of performances. This highly creditable result was in itself a tribute to the painstaking supervision of Mr. E. W. Mitchell, under whose direction the opera has been produced, and though the audience do not make his acquaintance on the stage the importance of the part which he played was none the less obvious.

While the text of the opera has been very well adhered to, its opportunities for local treatment have not been ignored. Mrs. Francis Clark—about whose performance more anon—is responsible for a song and chorus, entitled "Moon, Moon." This is an attractive composition, and as rendered by herself meets with cordial expressions of approval, the chorus, as sung by the company carrying lanterns, being decidedly pleasing. Mr. Denman Fuller has composed the music for

this song, as well as that for "The World of Dreams." His greatest success, however, is the song and chorus, "He's her Hongkong pal," both words and music being from his pen. The words and air are likely to prove catchy. Besides this, the principals introduce many topical allusions.

The chorus has been trained to a high degree of efficiency, and rendered the various concerted pieces in an excellent manner. Their performance was much enhanced by the skilful instrumentation supplied by the orchestra under the direction of Mr. Denman Fuller.

Not a hitch marred the presentation of the opera. Each succeeding act seemed better than the other, and the hearty plaudits and encores by the audience must have been very flattering to the amateur artists, all of whom certainly worked with a will. From the scenic point of view the production left little to be desired. The pretty scenes which distinguished each of the three acts was by the staff of the Amateur Dramatic Club, while the elaborate costumes which invested each scene with a picturesque charm were made under the direction of Miss Wallace.

Making individual mention of the artists, "Princess Toto" ought to come first. This role was filled by Mrs. Francis Clark, who was throughout easy, natural and convincing. The vivacious, romantic temperament of the king's daughter, skilfully shown, did not call for so much genuine acting perhaps as her extraordinary facility for forgetting things. The humorous element, associated with this trait, was admirably presented. She also gained golden opinions as a vocalist, her contributions pleasing the audience by their theme as well as by the manner in which they were rendered. She was ably supported by Miss D. Humphreys as Jelly (who acquitted herself with a distinction on both as an actress and a vocalist). Miss Cohen as Follito (who proved a most accomplished singer and dancer and had to respond to several encores for her clever costume dance and other performances) and by Mrs. Perkins as Plummery. King Portico, dignified, yet eccentric, could hardly have had a better exponent than Mr. W. M. Stewart. He preserved the serio-comic aspect throughout without any suggestion of buffoonery, and his performance cannot be more adequately described than in the words of the artist. Zepher, his prime minister—a name which called forth memories of the Happy Valley—was well taken by Mr. H. M. Kendall, who brought out its humour most effectively. Mr. M. S. Northcott found the portrayal of Jumlek, the Foreign Secretary, much to his liking. He revelled in the "Hawathian" speeches which he had to deliver and made the most of the role with humorous asides and funny antics. Very successful also was Mr. Grimbale as Trombone, who dressed for the part admirably. Surgeon Horley, who took the part of Prince Doro at short notice, was responsible for much of the humour of the evening, and acted and sang in a manner which many a professional might well envy, while Mr. F. S. Carruthers in the characterisation of Prince Caramel was seen to advantage. The other artists took the parts assigned them with credit. This notice should not be concluded without a reference to Mesdames Cohen, Lambert and E. Rowe, who showed themselves neat and skilful dancers and had to repeat their performance to a delighted audience. In short, the production afforded an excellent night's entertainment.

The cast is set out below:

CHARACTERS.  
King Portico ..... Mr. W. M. Stewart  
Zepher (His Prime Minister) ..... H. M. Kendall  
Jumlek (His Foreign Secretary) ..... M. S. Northcott  
Prince Doro ..... Surg. Horley, R.N.  
Prince Caramel ..... Mr. E. S. Carruthers  
Count Floss ..... G. G. Franklin  
Baron Jaquinet ..... A. E. Paine  
Prisoner ..... R. Whitmore  
Princess Toto ..... Mrs. Francis Clark  
Jelly ..... (Miss D. Humphreys)  
Follito ..... (Miss Cohen)  
Plummery ..... (Mrs. Perkins)  
Pages to the King, Masters Bullock & Martin.  
Ladies of the Court, Gipsies, Peasants, Indians, etc.—Mesdames Andrews, Capell, Drew, Hance, E. Jones, Jones, Lambert, Moon, Morris, Perkins, Rowe, E. Rowe, Schroeter, and Schmidt.  
Gentlemen of the Court, Baudits, Indians, &c.—Messrs. J. D. Auld, F. A. Biden, Tom Clarke, A. J. Darby, W. A. Dorey, H. W. Derner, C. E. A. Humphreys, G. Humphreys, C. Hance, J. Hance, H. S. Holmes, J. Lambert, C. E. Parker, H. F. Pethy, L. C. Rees, G. Morton Smith, J. J. Sibbitt, R. H. Spearman, A. E. Wright, and J. A. Young.  
Principal Dancers: Mesdames Cohen, Lambert and E. Rowe.  
The Orchestra was composed as follows:—  
Musical Director: Mr. Denman Fuller, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M.  
1st Violins: Mr. F. C. Barlow, Mr. H. F. Hickman, Mr. A. Pearson, and Mr. A. Schmitz.  
2nd Violins: Mr. Catchick and Mr. J. C. Rosario.  
Viola: Mr. F. Gonzales. Cello: Mr. P. Miller. Double Bass: Dr. J. H. Swan. Flute: Mr. J. D. Osmund. Oboe: Mr. W. Anderson. Clarinet: Mr. A. S. Tuxford. Cornets: Mr. W. H. Bristow and Mr. A. Darby.  
Side Drum and Triangle: Mr. F. Casar. Organ: Mr. F. F. Bovet.  
Piano: Mr. E. J. Chapman.  
In addition to the usual compliments bestowed on Miss Cohen, she was last night made the recipient of a handsome bouquet.

## SUPREME COURT.

Friday, February 15th.

## IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (JUDGE).

## NON-SUITS.

The case in which the Kwong Wing Tai sued the Kung Woo for \$149.83, being the proceeds of the sale of 40 crates of dried persimmons sold by defendants on behalf of the plaintiff firm in February of last year, was resumed. Mr. C. F. Dixon (of Mr. John Hastings' office) appeared for the plaintiff firm, and Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton (of Messrs. Brutton, Hott and Goldring) appeared for the defendant firm.

At the last hearing the question was raised as to the actual ownership of the persimmons, the defendants claiming that the persimmons were brought to them for sale by one, Lo Ho Cheung, to whom the money for the same had been paid after sale, and the case was adjourned in order to secure the attendance of Cheuk Sing, a material witness for the plaintiff, who had gone to Canton.

This witness appeared and stated that Lo Cheung had nothing to do with the transaction; that witness's *falsus* had taken, the goods to the defendant firm.

The Judge said plaintiff must be non-suited, with costs.

## IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

## RE KUNG CHIN FIRM.

Mr. C. F. Bailey (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) applied for a receiving order re the Kung Chin firm, *ex parte* McEwen, Frickel and Company, the act of bankruptcy being that the debtor had left the Colony with the object of defrauding his creditors. Mr. Bailey stated that when he put in his affidavit he was informed by the Registrar that there were not enough facts stated in such affidavit for him to get a receiving order, and the application was adjourned. In the meantime Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton had filed an application for a receiving order against the same debtor, and got it.

His Honour—But you are not going to deal with that now?

Mr. Bailey—No, your Lordship; I merely mention it as I would submit, and I don't think my friend Mr. Brutton has any objection, that the two orders should be consolidated.

Mr. Brutton—I have no objection, my Lord. The order was made accordingly.

## REVISED.

Mr. Hop Wo-chan *ex parte* Hang Hong Shing, Mr. H. K. Holmes, appearing for the petitioning creditor, said that the debtor owed his client \$651. He read a letter in which the debtor stated that his business was not "progressive" owing to inability to collect debts which were outstanding in foreign ports, and that he intended to "temporarily suspend" payment of the account between them.

His Lordship, in refusing the application, said that the temporary suspension was not an act of bankruptcy as laid down, but was merely asking for time.

## POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, February 15th.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## ASSAULT.

A chair cooler in the employ of Mr. John Lema was charged with assaulting an Indian constable at the rooms on Wednesday.

He was convicted and ordered to pay a fine of \$5.

## UNLICENSED HAWKERS.

Fifteen hawkers were proceeded against for selling dog's flesh as food at Happy Valley on Wednesday.

They were found guilty and each was ordered to pay a fine of \$3.

## ASSAULT.

Charles Mooney, secretary to the Hongkong Hotel Company, proceeded against Wong Ho, married woman, residing at No. 21, Macdonald Road, on a charge of assault.

The defendant, who was represented by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton (of Messrs. Brutton, Hott and Goldring), took out a cross-summons.

On the application of the complainant, the case was adjourned.

## A DESERTER.

William Hodgson was charged with desertion from the Third Middlesex Regiment in South Africa on October 10th, 1904.

Defendant admitted the charge, and his Worship ordered that he be handed over to the military authorities.

BEFORE MR. C. D. MELBOURNE (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## LARCENY.

Four coolies were charged with stealing \$15.50 and a waistcoat from one, Chui Fan, of Canton, in Bridges Street on Wednesday night. The defendants denied the charge.

The complainant said he was walking along Bridges Street about 8.30 p.m., when the four defendants and two other coolies met him. One caught hold of him by the queue, while the others went through him, relieving him of his waistcoat which contained \$15.50. The defendants then attempted to relieve him of his overcoat, but that he refused them not to do, promising them that if they returned with him to the shop at which he stayed in Queen's Road he would give them some money. They accompanied him to the shop in question, when witness called for assistance, and the defendants ran away. Witness and a foki of the shop succeeded in

overtaking the first defendant, and handed him over to the police, and later on the same night the police arrested three more of the defendants.

His Worship found them guilty, and sentenced defendants to fifteen days' hard labour and six hours' stocks.

## A PICKPOCKET.

A native was charged with attempting to pick a countryman's pocket at Happy Valley on Wednesday.

The Chinese detective who arrested him stated that he saw defendant endeavouring to cut a hole in another man's pocket with one of the knives used by pickpockets.

Defendant said he had just arrived from Macao, where he carried on business as a tailor. When the detective saw him he was putting his hand into his pocket, which action apparently made the officer suspicious; for he saw him, found the knife on his person, and in consequence arrested him. He used the knife for cutting out clothes in connection with his business.

His Worship found defendant guilty, and sentenced him to fifteen days' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

JOURNEY IN THE INTERIOR  
OF Kiangsi.

The Foreign Office has issued the report furnished by Consul Clennell on a journey in the interior of Kiangsi, a part of China little known. In the course of it, he mentions that the country drained by the Yangtze River is probably the richest in minerals in the whole of Kiangsi. Coal is extensively found both in this valley, from Fanyi Hsien upwards, and beyond its head water at Pinghsiang, whence, as is well known, there is both rail and water communication into Hunan. Although the navigation is reported to be difficult and much obstructed by rapids, considerable shallow junk traffic exists, sometimes as high as Yianehou-fu (Chien Hsien) itself, and always up to Fanyi Hsien. He adds:—The observations and inquiries that we made led me to believe that though the Yangtze River is not available for any kind of steam traffic, even to Linking, the main stream of the Kan is navigable, under favourable conditions of water, for a very great distance. Had the water level remained as it was on April 27, the *Tai* would have had no difficulty in reaching Chien-an 140 miles from Nanchang. About Chien-an the river is very swift and obstructed by rapids, especially what are known as the Shih-pa Tan, but these are not insurmountable. A powerful boat with a sufficient coal supply would sometimes find it possible, though never easy, to get up as high as Kienchou, say 100 miles beyond Chien-an, or 240 from Nanchang. Any gunboat that should make the venture would need to be prepared for long delays, as the navigation would only be practicable during and immediately after freshets, and some arrangement would have to be made for coaling en route. But the river rises several feet after every spell of rainy weather, so that in any season when heavy rain is plentiful there would be no impossibility in accomplishing the journey. Junks, of course, go up higher, to Nan-an, whence lead transit over the Meiling Pass—only 1,000 ft. above the plain—connects the Kan with a branch of the North River of Canton at Nanshiang Chou. Thus, except for about 30 miles of easy road, there is practicable water communication all the way from Nanchang to Canton.

The *Tai* was back at Nanchang early enough on the afternoon of April 29 to allow me to see something of the city before nightfall. It is not merely the largest city in Kiangsi, but from a Chinese standpoint, a very fine town. Many of the principal streets have been recently improved, and more are to be widened and the pavements improved, to accommodate the junks, of which some 20 or 30 have lately commenced to ply for hire. I observed that a building, which used to be a temple, has been converted into the office of the Kiangsi Directorate of Railways, and it appears to be taken for granted that the line projected last year between Nanchang and Kiangling is to be constructed at an early date. No one would seem to predominate in Nanchang, but large and apparently prosperous shops are very numerous in all the chief streets. Everybody, even persons who are sceptical regarding any general movement in China towards progress, seem to consider that in Nanchang a real and widespread desire for improvement exists and is bearing fruit.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. str. *Oceanien*, with the next French mail, will leave Saigon on Friday, the 16th inst., at 5 p.m. for this port.

The J.-C.-J. str. *Tijikong* left Macassar for this port on the 13th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 20th inst.

The J.-C.-J. str. *Tijikong* left Kobe via Moji and Amoy for this port on the 14th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 24th inst.

The P. & O. str. *Formosa* left Singapore for this port on the 14th inst., at 10 a.m.

The G.N. str. *Minneapolis* left Seattle on the 1st Feb. for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai.

The P. & A. str. *Nicomedia* left Portland on the 13th inst., and should arrive in Hongkong about March 18th.

The G.P.R. str. *Empress of India* arrived at Kobe at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, the 15th Feb., and left again at 5 p.m. same day for Yokohama, where she was due to arrive at 4 p.m. yesterday.

The str. *Schuyler*, which sailed hence on the 25th Nov. for New York via ports, arrived at her destination on the morning of the 13th inst.

The str. *Bengali* left Singapore on the 14th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 21st inst.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 15th at 11.45 a.m.—The barometer has risen in Japan, and fallen over the Loo-choo, and the E. coast of China.

Pressure is lightest over the Yellow Sea, and a shallow area of low pressure is lying near the Southern Loo-choo.

Made at fresh monsoon is indicated in the Formosa Channel, and moderate monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Moderate N.E. winds; misty, rain at times.

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## A TIENTSIN INCIDENT.

A supposed insult offered to H. E. Yuan Shih-kai, the Viceroy, in the British Consulate at Tientsin, has led to a painful discussion. It appears that as the viceregal cavalcade was going along H. E. from his carriage window saw a native policeman holding up his baton in front of his running footmen, which the Viceroy considered a personal affront to himself. The constable was hustled by the Viceroy's escort, and defended himself. The *Peking and Tientsin Times* says:—

"The evidence as to what occurred at the second collision was chiefly that of two foreign gentlemen, Messrs. J. R. Gilchrist and A. Loom, and that of Chinese Constable No. 18. The Committee found that the constable then acted wholly in self-defence when hustled by some of the escort, and had he not originally caused the friction his conduct would not have been blameable. The Committee, therefore, found that Constable No. 18 had exceeded his duty on the first occasion, but not on the second. It was decided that the man should be sent to the service at a parade of the whole Chinese Constabulary; that the Chairman of the Council should express through H.B.M. Consul-General their profound regret that the stupidity and self-importance of a Municipal servant had disturbed the courteous and friendly relations which had existed for over forty years between the Viceroy and his predecessors on the one hand, and the Council on the other; that in tendering their apology, the Chairman should ask the various authorities heretofore to notify the Council when His Excellency intended to visit the Consulate, so that proper arrangements should be made for his reception; and finally that as an act of grace, His Excellency should be asked to extend his clemency towards the man."

The unfortunate policeman was accordingly publicly dismissed the force, and instead of being protected and if guilty punished by his employers, the Municipal Council, he was handed over to the British Consul-General, Mr. L. C. Hopkins, who sent him into the city on the formal assurance from the Tao-tai that he would be leniently dealt with.

From unquestionable private sources we learn that the action of the Council and Consul has caused intense disgust among the British community at Tientsin. The Viceroy's "lenient treatment" has taken the form of a sentence of 1,000 blows and three years' hard labour. These are the tender mercies of the most powerful official in China, and the severity of the sentence is doubtless intended to warn Chinese not to enter the service of foreigners. The policeman was simply doing his duty, and for this he is disgraced by his employers and given what is virtually a sentence of death. He did not "strike at" any horses. He merely raised his baton when the escort of the "great man" were about to ride over him, and asked them if they were blind and could not see him. They then seized him by his queue, held him up brutally, and in self-defence he struck one of them. That was the "second collision." The policeman has done five years' service in Tientsin, and has a wife and family on the Consulate. It is rather a pitiable incident and will not increase the respect of the Chinese for the British at Tientsin. It may be mentioned that the following letter, which he should never have consented to receive, was sent to Mr. Hopkins on the 13th ultimo:—

Sir—I have the honour to inform you that the following resolution was unanimously passed by the British Municipal Council in session last night:—

It is resolved that this Council entirely support and approve of H. B. M. Consul-General's action in delivering over to Constable No. 18 to the Chinese Authorities to be punished for an affront to H. E. the Viceroy upon the occasion of his visit to the British Consulate on the 27th instant.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, J. M. DICKINSON, Chairman, B. M. C.

L. C. HOPKINS, Esq., H. B. M. Consul-General, Tientsin. January 31st, 1906.

BARON SUYEMATSU AND THE N.D.I.

The following letter appeared in the *Japan Chronicle*:—

Sir.—We take the liberty of informing you that we are in receipt of a telegram from the Nord-Lloyd head office in Bremen to the effect that Baron Suyematsu authorises the statement to be given out that he is now convinced that no discourtesy to him was intended by the officers of the *Zeller*, that he is quite satisfied with the arrangements made, and that he does not desire any changes whatever to be effected.

We may mention that the wire also contains a paragraph that the Chinese Minister on board the same boat expressed his full satisfaction with the treatment accorded him.

Thanking you for inserting the above, we remain, Yours faithfully, H. AHRENS & CO. NACHF.

Kobe: January 28th, 1906.

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Hongkong, 12th February, 1906. [405]FOR SALE.  
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Hongkong, 25th October, 1905. [19]SANITARY BOARD OFFICE,  
Hongkong.

TO THE OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS AND VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended), every domestic building or part of such building within the Eastern Division of the City of Victoria and the Eastern Division of Kowloon occupied by members of more than one family must be CLEANSED AND LIMEWASHED THROUGHOUT by the owner during the months of January and February.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this notice means that the houses should be lime-washed in respect of all the walls of each room and staircase, all cubicle partitions, stair casings and stair linings, all ceilings and the undersides of roofs, both in main buildings, offices and servants' quarters and inclusive of verandahs.

The back yard should have its containing walls lime-washed up to the level of the first floor.

Carved, painted or polished woodwork in good condition, however, need not be lime-washed but must be cleaned.

The Eastern Division of the City is bounded on the West by Gilmour Street and Peel Street, Kowloon is divided into the Eastern and Western divisions by Robinson Road and a straight line drawn from the North and thereof through the Yaumatei service Reservoir to the Northern boundary of Kowloon.

G. A. WOODCOCK,  
Secretary.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1906. [417]



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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the rate of \$1.00 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, held this day, will be PAYABLE at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on and after FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1906.

Shareholders are requested to apply to the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1906. [424]

## PONIES! PONIES! PONIES!

THE Undersigned will hold their Annual Sale of Race Ponies by Public Rump on under—

## On TUESDAY,

the 23rd February, 1906, at 4 P.M., opposite the

## FIFTY LOTS,

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## FIFTY LOTS.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS—As usual.

## HUGHES &amp; HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1906. 425

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SWATOW AND AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

## "HAIMUN."

Captain A. J. Robson, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 17th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

## DOUGLAS LARRAIK &amp; CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1906. [420]

## JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LUN.

FOR BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, SOERABAYA & MACASSAR

(taking cargo to all ports in Netherlands India on through Bill of Lading).

THE Steamship

## "TJILIWONG."

Captain Zuurman, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 25th February.

For information as to Freight and Passage, apply to the

## Head Agent of the

## JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LUN.

(York Buildings, 1st Floor).

Hongkong, 15th February, 1906. [421]

## THE BROCKLEBANK LINE TO

## FAR EAST.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

## "BENGALI."

will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, the 23rd inst., P.M.

For Freight, apply to

## SANDER, WIELEK &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1906. [422]

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

## COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

## "NANSANG."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M., the 17th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

## JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1906. [18]

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

## "MATPOPO."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared before the 23rd inst. will be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and notice of same sent to this Office before the 25th inst., or claims in connection therewith will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees and/or Owners of Cargo are required to sign General Average Bond and to deposit an amount equal to four per cent. on the value of their Cargo before Bills of Lading can be countersigned for delivery.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

Agents.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1906. [423]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENT

PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "ARABIA," FROM PORTLAND (OR), YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

## S. SILVERSTONE,

Acting General Agent.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1906. [18]

## ENTERTAINMENTS

## THEATRE ROYAL,

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"PRINCESS TOTO,"

## A Comic Opera in Three Acts,

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## M. S. NORTHCOTE,

Business Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1906. 339

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Hongkong, 12th February, 1906. 407

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY (FRIDAY),

the 16th February, 1906, at 2.30 P.M., at his

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TERMS OF SALE—As Usual.

V. I. REMEDIOS,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1906. 418

MAIL TABLES

AS OFFICIALLY PREPARED

FOR 1906.

Showing the dates of departure of the Mails to Europe and America, and the dates of their expected arrival at their destinations, as well as the dates of departure of the Mails from Europe and America and the dates on which they are due to reach Hongkong. A Special Table is devoted to the Parcels Post to and from England.

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Hongkong, 12th February, 1906.

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Hongkong 17th July, 1905.

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, THIS DAY (FRIDAY), the 16th day of FEBRUARY, 1906, at 12 NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the subjoined special Resolutions. Should the said Resolutions be passed by the required majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened. Dated the 16th February, 1906.

By Order of the Board,

JAMES WHITTALL

Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS:

(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the following manner—

The following Article shall be substituted for Article 130, namely:—

"The Board, through its Secretary, shall make a Statement of the Accounts of the Company from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December, in each and every year, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders at each of the Ordinary Meetings of the Company, together with a Report on the general position of the Company."

(2) That the Board, through its Secretary, shall make a Statement of the Accounts of the Company as from the 1st day of May, 1905, to the 31st day of December, 1905, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Company to be held during 1905 and that, inasmuch as the Accounts of the Company have already been audited and presented to the Shareholders to the 30th April, 1905, no further or other Statements of the Accounts of the Company for the year 1905, shall be called for by or presented to the Shareholders in respect of Article 130 as this day substituted.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the OFFICE of the General Managers, St. George's Building, Victoria, on SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1906, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1905, declaring a Dividend and electing a Committee of Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, the 20th February, until SATURDAY, the 24th February, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1906. 362

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of February, 1906, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1905.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [331]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 10th, to the 24th day of February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [333]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, NEW PRAYA, on MONDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY, 1906, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. 319

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, KING'S BUILDINGS, CANNAGH ROAD, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of March, 1906, at 12 o'clock NOON, to receive the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1905, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st February to the 7th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1906. 411

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, VICTORIA, on THURSDAY, the 8th March, 1906, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd instant to the 8th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order,

C. PEMBERTON,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1906. 399

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FROM beginning of April the Well Furnished 6-Roomed House, Peak No. 149, near Magazine Gap.

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Hongkong, 13th February, 1906. [376]

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1905. [77]

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BARROW TERRACE, (Kowloon) Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

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# INTIMATION

## EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

### LETTER TO POLICYHOLDERS FROM THE PRESIDENT.

New York, December 14th, 1905.

TO THE POLICYHOLDERS:

I had hoped to make some statement to you before this, but I have believed it was best to wait until I could give you a final conclusion in regard to the financial condition of the Society based on full investigation. This explains the delay in communicating with you.

On June 24th last, under the condition that I should have full power as to men and methods, and with no pledges of any kind to any one, I was elected by the Directors of the Society as CHAIRMAN of the BOARD, and at once assumed the active management of the Society's affairs.

Soon after I was also elected PRESIDENT of the SOCIETY and the Office of Chairman was abolished.

One of the first acts of my administration was the employment of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company, chartered accountants of Great Britain and New York, and Messrs. Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants of New York, to investigate the affairs of the Society, under directions to render complete and exhaustive reports on the following subjects:

1. The Society's annual expenses, including legal expenses, advertising expenses, agency expenses, and cost of securing business.
2. The real estate investments of the Company, including in the case of each parcel the value at which it is carried upon the books of the Society; the income which it yields; and the fair value of the property, whether above or below the value at which it is carried upon the books of the Society. (If necessary, real estate experts may be employed in ascertaining the value and income of the real estate, subject, of course, to my approval as to men and terms.)
3. The other investments of the Society; their character and the circumstances under which they have been made.
4. The Society's surplus and the manner in which it is carried upon the books of the Society.
5. The methods of keeping the Society's accounts, and the respects in which its accounting may be improved.
6. The relations between the Society and the trust companies, banks, sub-deposit companies, and other institutions with which the Society is affiliated by ownership of considerable amount of stock or otherwise. (In the case of every corporation in which the Society has a dominant or important interest, or with which the Society has special relations, the ownership of stock other than that owned by the Society should be ascertained so far as practicable.)
7. The subjects covered by the report of the Investigating Committee of which Mr. Erick was Chairman should be fully investigated.
8. When the report of the New York Superintendent of Insurance has been made that report should be carefully studied and every matter covered by it or by the recommendations of the Commissioner should be carefully examined.

Subsequently a still more elaborate plan of investigation was agreed upon with these accountants, and I doubt if any American insurance company ever before had such an exhaustive examination.

It has taken a large force of men five months to ascertain the exact financial status of the Society, now fully exposed by the balance sheet transmitted with the following note and reproduced on pages 6 and 7.

New York, November 25th, 1905.

Mr. PAUL MORTON, President,  
The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, 120, Broadway, New York.

DEAR SIR:—The exhaustive examination which we have made of the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States is so far completed, that we are now able to furnish you with a Balance Sheet showing the true Financial Position of the Society on September 30th, 1905.

The Assets of the Society as claimed were all found to be on hand, and amounted in all to \$414,166,500.10 as shown by the Balance Sheet.

The Surplus over and above all Liabilities amounted to \$67,142,865.42.

A conservative revaluation of the Assets, including a re-appraisal of all the real estate owned by the Society or covered by mortgages held by the Society, has resulted in a reduction in certain of the values adopted in the Society's last Annual Report, principally in Real Estate and in Stocks of certain financial institutions.

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants,  
by A. LOWES DICKSON, F.C.A., C.P.A.,  
(Signed) HASKINS & SELLS,  
Certified Public Accountants,  
by FLEMMING W. SELLS, C.P.A.

You will be gratified to learn:

- (1) That all the assets claimed by the Society are on hand, and of a high grade, and are conservatively worth \$414,166,500.10.
- (2) That, over and above all liabilities, the surplus is \$67,142,865.42, about seven-eighths of which is a fund for division among existing deferred dividend policies at the end of their accumulation periods.
- (3) That the reduction in the book value of our assets and surplus is caused by a revaluation on a conservative basis, and in no way reduces the income of the Society.

The decrease in the value of assets is chiefly in real estate which was carried at prices too high, and in shares of certain financial institutions which were carried at market prices based on transactions which were deemed by the accountants to be excessive.

RETIREMENT.

Economies amounting to \$800,000.00 a year have already been introduced, which if capitalized on a four per cent. basis would be equivalent to an additional investment of over \$20,000,000. This more than covers the marking down of assets. I expect to institute still further economies of a radical character.

RESTITUTION.

Under the past management transactions involving the expenditure of large sums of money have been carried through frequently without any proper authority of the Board of Directors, with very meagre bookkeeping records, so that it has been difficult in many instances to secure explanation of certain transactions which were taken place during the last ten years, some of which involve a financial loss to the Society.

The liabilities discovered by the Society, and the amounts restored to the Society approximate \$81,000,000, and legal proceedings have been instituted for the recovery of considerable additional sum.

## INTIMATIONS

It will be the policy of the new administration of the Society to insist on an independent audit of its accounts as to its fiscal condition, once each year, the result of which will be published.

NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS.

Under the change in ownership of a majority of the stock, the shares were at once put in trust and Directors are now nominated by the trustees—Hon. Grover Cleveland, Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, and Mr. George Westinghouse. Thirteen Directors are chosen annually, and the Trustees will each year offer an opportunity to the policyholders to express their preferences in respect of the choice of Directors.

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

It will be the policy of the Society hereafter not to make contributions to political campaigns. It is my opinion that we have no right to use the funds of the Society for any such purpose.

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS.

In the last ten years this Society has loaned over \$120,000,000 on real estate mortgages, mostly in large cities. Only in six of these cases has it had to take property under force of sale and in these six instances the property was sold so as to net a profit. It will continue to be the policy of the Society to make investments of this description.

COST OF INSURANCE.

The very essence of life insurance is safety and this can be secured only by reasonable premiums.

A great many Equitable policyholders are doubtless asking themselves the question whether it will pay them to continue their policies. To such I wish to say most emphatically that my investigation of the affairs of the Society has convinced me that there is no cheaper way for the policyholders of the Society to have their life insurance than by retaining their policies. As I have pointed out, the surplus of over \$67,000,000, is safely invested upon a basis which retires an excellent rate of interest upon the revised valuations, and I expect in due time to accomplish such economies that the cost of administration and securing new business will be reduced to the lowest possible basis consistent with safety and efficiency. I accordingly believe that by continuing your policies in the Equitable you will receive life insurance at the lowest cost consistent with safety.

I therefore advise you to continue to pay your premiums; to allow your policies to lapse will be doing yourselves injustice. Your contracts with this Society are as safe and sound as anything earthly can be. Where lapses have already occurred the agents of the Society will cheerfully assist in restoring policies.

EXHAUSTIVE EXAMINATION IN 1905.

I congratulate you and all policyholders in solvent concern on the reforming results to the agitation of the past year. This Society alone has undergone four separate investigations since January 1st. The extraordinary legal and other expenses entailed thereby is amply compensated for by the enforced restitutions and checked waste herein above referred to and by the final assurance you now have of the wealth and solvency of your Society. I am convinced that this and other investigations in the world and the resulting stimulation of discussion have attracted public attention to the unimpeachable strength of established concerns like the Equitable more effectively than could have been done by any other means. While these investigations may have been destructive individual reputations, the utility of life insurance has been more fully demonstrated than ever before.

There will be no effort by the new administration to have the *biggest* company in the world, but to make it the *best* and *safest*. Conservative lines will be followed. It will be the policy not to solicit or secure new business at the expense of the present policyholders, and in case it is determined that business in any section of the world is unprofitable, that field will be abandoned.

Over 90 per cent. of our death claims are settled within 24 hours after proof of death is received, and since January 1st, 1905, through all of the agitation concerning life insurance, this Society alone has paid out in death claims and benefits of other kinds over \$116,750 every working day.

Assuring you that it will be my constant endeavor to conduct the affairs of this Society in a manner that will merit your hearty approbation, I am,

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## Abbey's Effervescent Salt

Have't you found out about Abbey's Salt yet?

You know for a fact that there is nothing so bad for your health as a disordered stomach or a sluggish Liver.

It is also a fact that there is nothing so good for a disordered Stomach or a sluggish Liver as Abbey's Salt.

Now you know—don't forget to use it.

Sold in two sizes by all Chemists and Stores, and by Watkins, Ltd., and A. S. Watson, Ltd., Hong Kong.  
The Abbey Fruit Salt Co., Ltd.,  
144, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.

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DUPES ENLIGHTENED.

The publication referred to below, *Leaves of Healing*, has been circulating in the Far East. A New York telegram states that the Prophet Dowry, "the baser" essentially, presented tens of thousands of simple-minded persons in America for the past fifteen years, is found out at last. Zion City, near Chicago, is bankrupt.

The second Elijah has abdicated, and is about to sail for the Bahamas. On his return from Mexico a month ago he made an oracular declaration that the Almighty had miraculously cured him of paralysis, but the only paralysis that afflicted him was the paralysis of the industries of Zion City, the wholesale destruction of the Dowries, and his inability to make any more dupes or cajole any more dollars out of them. In Dowry's publication, the *Leaves of Healing*, he bids goodbye to Zion City. "Since sleep has been 'don't me,' he announces, 'I must go and rest awhile.' He relinquishes his prophetic mantle to Overseer Spieker, and insists that the property of the Zionites amounts to three millions sterling. The remainder of the following are the articles of association. Mr. A. McLeod, resident of the board, but, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT  
For the year ending December 31st, 1905.

To balance ... .. \$49,943.32  
By balance of working account, 1904 ... .. \$2,085.38  
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rate of interest on advances. In the second half of the year the issue of bonds stopped, but the tremendous expenditure of the Government still continued. Domestic bonds were being purchased in large quantities by foreigners, causing an influx of foreign money and a glut in the market. These appear to be a revival of business on the horizon, when the price will be supposed to be humiliating to Japan, and it certainly had its effect upon private enterprise, for all demand for money is out. It is now believed the present state of the market will continue.

## THE ANGLO-GERMAN BREWERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

For presentation to the shareholders at the second annual general meeting to be held at the offices of the agents, Messrs. Slegert & Co., on Wednesday, February, 28th 1906, at 4.30 p.m.

The directors beg to submit to the shareholders the audited statement of accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1905.

Profit and Loss Account.—The balance to credit of profit and loss account amounting to \$49,943.32 which the directors propose to appropriate as follows:—

Balance of preliminary expenses account to be written off ... \$ 8,876.37  
Amount to be written off on machinery and engine account ... 12,900.00  
Dividend of 7 per cent. to shareholders ... 28,000.00  
Balance to be carried forward to 1906 account ... 1,066.95  
\$49,943.32

The directors trust that the above result may be considered satisfactory, taking into account that the year under review is the first of the Company's working and that a great many difficulties, unknown to similar undertakings at home, had to be overcome. The sales of the Company are, moreover, increasing steadily, showing that the Company, in placing upon the market a light and wholesome beer, is supplying a long-felt want. During the latter part of the year the demand has often exceeded the supply, and in order to provide for the increased consumption the directors propose to extend the present buildings by adding an extra cellar and by slightly enlarging the brewing plant.

Another.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. Geo. E. Wingrove, who retires, but offers himself for re-election.

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NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA  
AND SUMATRA PORTS.

### EUROPEAN SERVICE.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"YANGTZE"	On 17th February.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"LAERTES"	On 20th February.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DIOMED"	On 27th February.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 6th March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TEENKAI"	On 13th March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 17th March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 20th March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINLUCK"	On 28th March.	

### HOMEWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	On 20th February.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"SAINT BEDE"	On 27th February.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ACHILLES"	On 13th March.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 20th March.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ALCINOUS"	On 27th March.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DIOMED"	On 10th April.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 20th April.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"TEENKAI"	On 24th April.	

### TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

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AND TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO ALL OVERLAND  
COMMON POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA.

### EASTWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO.	"YANGTZE"	On 19th February.	
HAMA	"KEEMUN"	On 19th March.	

### WESTWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA, and PACIFIC COAST	"CANPA"	On 25th February.	

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS. [9-10]

## CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
AMOI, MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO.	"SUNGKIANG"	On 17th February.	
SHANGHAI	"KIUKIANG"	On 20th February.	
SHANGHAI	"PAOTING"	On 21st February.	
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 20th February.	
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TSINAN"	On 28th February.	

\* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivaled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.  
† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.  
‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.  
REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS. [11]

Hongkong, 16th February, 1906.



## OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICES BETWEEN  
HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS  
AND FORMOSA.

### PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
TAMUI VIA SWATOW AND AMOI	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 18th Feb., at 8 A.M.	
ANPING VIA SWATOW AND AMOI	"FRITHJOF"	WEDNESDAY, 21st Feb., at 10 A.M.	
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOI and FOCHOW	H. A. HANSEN	THURSDAY, 22nd Feb., at 8 A.M.	
	A. HANSEN		

\* These Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with electric light.  
† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.  
‡ For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central.  
T. ARIMA, Manager. [14]

Hongkong, 16th February, 1906.

## PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

### STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
YOKOHAMA VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN and MOJI and KOBE	S. Barcham	About 20th February	Freight and Passage.
MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	W. H. Snow	About 21st February	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	C. L. Daniel	About 23rd February	Freight and Passage.
LONDON & Co. via USUAL PORTS	DELHI	Noon, 24th February	See Special of Call.
	J. D. Andrews, R.N.M.	February	Advertisement.

\* Calling at Penang if sufficient inducement offers.  
For further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. [1]

Hongkong, 16th February, 1906.

## "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP. THE Steamship	"BENLARG"	On 20th February.	
	Captain Wallace, will be despatched as above on or about the 23rd inst.		
	For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.		
	Hongkong, 6th February, 1906.		372

## THE ORIENTAL PACIFIC LINE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
FOR SAN FRANCISCO VIA PORTS. THE Steamship	"SEMINOLE"	Tons 6060, will be despatched about and of February.	
	For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.		
	Hongkong, 30th January, 1906.		300

## NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON S. S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.  
CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH  
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR  
VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA  
VIA  
MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
TREMONT	9,806	T. W. Garlick	On 24th February.

### Cargo only.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND  
CUISINE, ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESSE.  
The twin-screw s.s. "SHAWMUT" and "TREMONT" are fitted with very Superior  
Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures  
steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried  
in cold storage.

### PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information apply to—  
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,  
GENERAL AGENTS.  
QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1906. [17]

## IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.  
EUROPEAN LINE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,  
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,  
ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG.  
STEAMERS WILL ALSO CALL AT GIBRALTAR & SOUTHAMPTON  
TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,  
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

### PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY ... 28th February
PRINCESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY ... 14th March
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY ... 23rd March
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY ... 11th April
PRINZ BITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY ... 25th April
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY ... 9th May
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY ... 23rd May
ROON	WEDNESDAY ... 6th June

ON WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1906, at Noon, the Steamship  
"ZIETEN," Captain F. von Biazor, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and  
CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.  
Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 28th February. Cargo on  
Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 27th February, and Parcels  
will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 27th February.  
Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50,  
and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.  
The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardses.  
Linen can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
TO NAPLES, GENOA and GIBRALTAR	\$21 0 0	\$12 0 0	\$22 0 0
return	91 0 0	43 0 0	33 0 0
TO SOUTHAMPTON, LONDON, BREMEN AND HAMBURG	65 0 0	44 0 0	24 0 0
return	97 0 0	66 0 0	38 0 0
TO NEW YORK VIA SUEZ VIA NAPLES, GENOA or GIBRALTAR	64 0 0	44 0 0	26 0 0
return	115 0 0	79 0 0	47 0 0
VIA BREMEN OR SOUTHAMPTON	68 0 0	46 0 0	27 0 0
return	123 0 0	80 0 0	49 0 0

In the event of the passenger leaving the Mail Steamer at Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar  
and travelling to Bremen or Southampton overland the SAME RATES to be applied as via NAPLES,  
GENOA or GIBRALTAR, but in this case the cost of the railway trip, etc., to be at passenger's  
expense.

TOUR VIA INDIA:  
Passengers have the option of using a Steamer of the British India S. N. Co. from  
SINGAPORE to CALCUTTA instead of an Imperial Mail Steamer from Singapore to Colombo.  
The cost of the journey from Calcutta to Colombo by rail or steamer is, however, not included.

INTERRUPTION OF THE VOYAGE BY BERRY:  
Passengers to European and New York are entitled to travel by the N. D. L. Mediterranean  
Steamers from ALEXANDRIA to Naples or Marseilles instead of using an Imperial Mail Steamer  
from PORT SAID.

### JAPAN-CHINA-AUSTRALIAN LINE.

VIA NEW GUINEA.  
STEAM FOR MANILA, FRIEDRICH-WILHELM-SHAFFEN,  
SIMPSONHAFEN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.  
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMER	TONS	SAILING DATES
WILLEHAD	4763 tons	TUESDAY, 6th March.
PRINZ WALDEMAR	3127 tons	TU-SDAY, 3rd April.
PRINZ SIGISMUND	3302 tons	TUESDAY, 1st May.

ON TUESDAY, the 6th MARCH, at Noon, the Steamship "WILLEHAD,"  
Captain Obenaus, with Mails, Passengers and Cargo, will leave this port as above.  
The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.  
Linen can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
TO MANILA	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
TO NEW GUINEA	\$28.00	\$18.00	\$14.00
TO BRISBANE	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$14.00
TO SYDNEY	\$33.00	\$23.00	\$15.00
TO MELBOURNE	\$34.00	\$24.00	\$16.00
TO YOKOHAMA	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$17.00
TO KOBE	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$17.00
TO YOKOHAMA and back from KOBE	\$140.00	\$100.00	\$70.00

THROUGH RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG: 1st Class \$97. 0. 0.  
TO EUROPE VIA AUSTRALIA AND COLOMBO by Imperial Mail Steamer 56. 0. 0.  
TO EUROPE VIA AUSTRALIA AND AMERICA 56. 0. 0.  
From Australia to New York via Vancouver by the C.P.R. Co's steamers, or via San  
Francisco by the O. & S.S. Co's steamers, and from New York to Europe by the Magnificent  
Express Steamers of N.D.L.

### SAILINGS OUTWARDS.

EUROPEAN & AUSTRALIAN SERVICE  
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, BAYERN ... Wednesday, 28th February.  
HIOG & YOKOHAMA ... Wednesday, 14th March.  
YOKOHAMA and KOBE ... PRINZ WALDEMAR ... Wednesday, 14th March.  
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD ... Wednesday, 14th March.  
KOBE & YOKOHAMA ... PRINZ WALDEMAR ... Wednesday, 14th March.

\* For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.  
Ho gkong, 1st February, 1906. [5]

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.  
Ho gkong, 1st February, 1906. [5]

A. LING & CO.	S. IENTING.
FURNITURE STORE. PLATED GLASS AND CROCKERY WARE, &c., &c. and FOCHOW LAQUERED WARE. 63, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Hongkong, 21st September, 1905. [2355]	SURGEON DENTIST. No. 10, D'AGUIAR STREET TERMS VERY MODERATE. Consultation Free. Hongkong, 21st September, 1905. [2174]

## PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL

### STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

HOMeward PASSENGER SEASON, 1906.  
PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS  
FOR  
MARSEILLES AND LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR  
COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.  
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO NEW YORK.

Steamers to	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due at	Due at
COLOMBO	HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to	MARSEILLES	PLYMOUTH
		MARSEILLES & LONDON	(Brindisi 2 days earlier)	(London 1 day later)
DELHI	TONS Noon Saturday	MOLDAVIA	TONS Saturday	Friday
DONGOLA	8000 Feb. 24	MONGOLIA	10000 Mar. 24	Mar. 30
DELTA	8000 Mar. 10	MOOLTAN	10000 Apr. 7	Apr. 13
OCEANA	8000 Mar. 24	MARMOHA	10000 May 5	May 11
	7000 April 7			
ARCADIA	7000 April 21	VICTORIA	7000 May 20	May 26
DEVANHA	8000 May 5	HIMALAYA	7000 June 3	June 9
DELHI	8000 May 19	INDIA	8000 June 17	June 23

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those to Brindisi transfer also to the Express  
Mail Steamer at Port Said.  
Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is arranged in Hongkong at time  
of booking.

In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following—  
INTERMEDIATE (non-transshipment) STEAMERS  
WILL LEAVE FOR  
LONDON.

### CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

STEAMERS.	Leave	Leave	Due at
	HONGKONG	SINGAPORE	LONDON
	about	about	about
+ JAPAN	Feb. 14	Mar. 23	Mar. 31
+ SUMATRA	Feb. 28	Mar. 9	Apr. 14
+ NUBIA	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Apr. 24
+ JAMA	Mar. 28	Apr. 6	May 12
+ FORMOSA	Apr. 11	Apr. 20	May 26

These Steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Malta or Marseilles.  
+ "SUMATRA" and "NUBIA" call at MARSEILLES.  
+ "JAPAN," "JAMA" and "FORMOSA" carry only First Saloon Passengers.  
For Passage apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. [2707]

Hongkong, 6th January, 1906.

## JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN  
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIMAHU	JAVA	Second half of February	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	Second half of February
TJILIWONG	JAPAN	Second half of February	JAVA PORTS	Second half of February
TJIPANAS	JAVA	First half of March	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	Second half of March
TJILATJAP	JAPAN	Second half of March	JAVA PORTS	Second half of March

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a  
limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports on  
through Bills of Lading.  
For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the  
HEAD AGENCY OF THE  
JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.  
Telephone No. 375. [16]

York Buildings, 1st Floor.  
Hongkong, 9th February, 1906.

### VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

THE AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE.  
FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK.  
With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast.  
THE Steamship  
"YEDDO,"  
Captain Baird, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on or about TUESDAY, 27th inst.  
For Freight, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 7th February, 1906. [377]

## AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR  
FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT).  
Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG,  
RANGOON, COLOMBO, BOMBAY,  
KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT  
SAID.  
(Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS,  
to SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED  
SEA, BLACK SEA, LEBANT, VENICE and  
ADRIATIC PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship  
"AUSTRIA,"  
Captain Colledani, will be despatched as above  
on MONDAY, the 5th March.  
This Steamer has splendid accommodation for  
passengers, electric light and carries a doctor  
and stewardess.  
For information as to Passage and Freight,  
apply to SANDER, WIELE & CO.,  
Agents.  
Princes' Buildings.  
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [3]

### MAP OF THE SIKIANG or WEST RIVER.

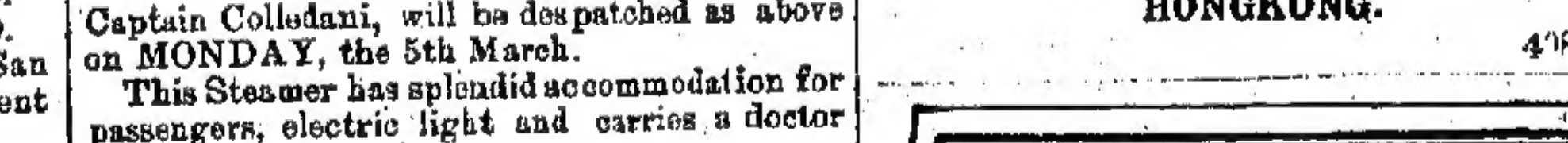
From Hongkong to Wuchowpu,  
Showing the Ports and Calling Places.  
Opened for Foreign Trade, 1897.  
Published at Daily Press Office  
Price 25 Cents, Cash.  
Hongkong, 1st April, 1897.

### ON SALE.

A TABLE OF THE  
RATES OF EXCHANGE AT  
HONGKONG  
for Demand Drafts on London on the day of or  
preceding the Departure of the English Mails  
also Table of Yearly Approximate Averages  
FOR 31 YEARS  
FROM  
1874 to 1904.  
Price 32 Cash. On Sale at the "DAILY  
PRESS" OFFICE, or Local Booksellers.  
Hongkong, 11th May, 1905.

## Cutler, Palmer & Co.'s

SPECIAL BLEND WHISKY.  
SPECIAL BLEND WHISKY.  
SHIPPERS  
Cutler, Palmer & Co., London.  
AGENTS  
SIEMSEN & CO.,  
HONGKONG. [418]



## BETTER THAN COPAIBA

MATICO  
GRIMAULT & Co. CHIMISTES PARIS  
Renowned Physicians prescribe Grimault's Matico  
as the most active and at the same time the most  
inoffensive remedy in the treatment of Acute and  
Chronic Discharges. The Capsules, unlike Copiba,  
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## CURE FOR ASTHMA

GRIMAULT'S  
INDIAN CIGARETTES  
For Asthmatic people who suffer from  
OPPRESSION in breathing, HOARSENESS,  
and BRONCHITIS, GRIMAULT'S, and DIFFICULTY  
in expectoration.  
Grimault's Cigarettes render the respira-  
tion easier, cut short the paroxysms, and  
remove the feeling of tightness across  
the chest.  
GRIMAULT & Co. PARIS  
Sold by all Chemists. [101]



## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Empress of Japan*, with the Canadian mail, left Shanghai on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at 10 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The *Oceanic*, with the French mail of the 19th January, leaves Saigon, on Friday, the 16th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 19th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 19th December.

The *Sibiria*, with the American mail left Yokohama on Wednesday, the 14th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 24th inst.

A Mail for MACAO, is despatched per *S. Wingchai* on week-days at 5.00 p.m. On Sunday this mail for Macao is closed at 8.00 a.m.

Mails for CANTON, SAMSHUI and WUHOW are closed on week-days at 5.30 a.m. and at 5.30 p.m.

Mails for CANTON, NANTAO, SANHUI, KONGMOON, KUNCHUK, SAMSHUI, and WUHOW are closed every Sunday, at 5 p.m. On Sundays the mails are closed at 9 a.m.

No mails are despatched to these places on Saturday evenings, unless previously notified.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Macao	Wakamatsu Maru	Friday, 16th, 10.00 a.m.
Amoy, Swatow, Singapore and Samarang	Hongkong	Friday, 16th, 1.15 p.m.
Manila	Manila	Friday, 16th, 3.00 p.m.
Cebu and Iloilo	Manila	Friday, 16th, 3.00 p.m.
Amoy, Swatow, Singapore and Penang	Manila	Friday, 16th, 5.00 p.m.
Manila	Manila	Saturday, 17th, 11.00 a.m.
Amoy, Swatow, Singapore and Penang	Manila	Saturday, 17th, 1.15 p.m.
Manila	Manila	Saturday, 17th, 2.00 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Manila	Saturday, 17th, 5.00 p.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Manila	Saturday, 17th, 5.00 p.m.
Penang	Manila	Saturday, 17th, 5.00 p.m.

MAKING SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KURE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO.

(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail.)

Extra Postage 10 cents.

Extraordinary General Meeting of the China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., noon.

Sale, Household Furniture, &c., Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Rousell, 2.30 p.m.

Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club, City Hall, 9 p.m.

## COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY.	February 15th.
Telegraphic Transfer	2.00
Bank Bills, on demand	2.00
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	2.00
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2.00
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2.00
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight	2.00
ON LONDON.	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.00
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2.00
ON NEW YORK.	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.00
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2.00
ON HONGKONG.	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.00
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2.00
ON SHANGHAI.	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.00
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2.00
ON YOKOHAMA.	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.00
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2.00
ON MANILA.	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.00
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2.00
ON SINGAPORE.	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.00
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2.00
ON BATAVIA.	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.00
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2.00
ON HONGKONG.	
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Bank Bills, on demand	2.00
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2.00
ON MANILA.	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.00
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2.00
ON SINGAPORE.	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.00
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2.00
ON BATAVIA.	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.00
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2.00

## VESSLS IN DOCK.

VESSELS IN DOCK.	February 15th.
Malwa New	10.10 to 10.15
Malwa Old	10.15 to 10.20
Malwa Old	10.20 to 10.25
Malwa Old	10.25 to 10.30
Malwa Old	10.30 to 10.35
Malwa Old	10.35 to 10.40
Malwa Old	10.40 to 10.45
Malwa Old	10.45 to 10.50
Malwa Old	10.50 to 10.55
Malwa Old	10.55 to 11.00
Malwa Old	11.00 to 11.05
Malwa Old	11.05 to 11.10
Malwa Old	11.10 to 11.15
Malwa Old	11.15 to 11.20
Malwa Old	11.20 to 11.25
Malwa Old	11.25 to 11.30
Malwa Old	11.30 to 11.35
Malwa Old	11.35 to 11.40
Malwa Old	11.40 to 11.45
Malwa Old	11.45 to 11.50
Malwa Old	11.50 to 11.55
Malwa Old	11.55 to 12.00

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

The *C.P.R. str. Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai at 2.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 13th Feb., and left again at 10 p.m. same day for Hongkong, and is due here at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

The *French Mail*.

The *M. str. Oceanic* will arrive Saigon on the 16th Feb. at 5 p.m., for this port.

The *American Mail*.

The *P.M. str. Sibiria* left Yokohama on the 14th Feb., and is expected to arrive here on or about the 24th Feb.

The *O.S.S. & C.M. str. Lories* left Singapore on the 12th Feb., p.m., and is due here on the 18th Feb.

The *Norwegian str. Nord* left for this port, and is expected to arrive here on or about the 18th Feb.

The *A.L. str. Persia* left Singapore for this port, and is expected to arrive here on or about the 19th Feb.

The *H.A.L. str. Silesia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 13th Feb., a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 19th Feb.

## JOINT STOCK SHARES

Hongkong, February 15th.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Alhambra	\$200	\$100, sellers
Banks		
Hongkong & S'hai	\$125	\$805, sellers
National B. of China		
A. Shau	25	\$38, buyers
Bell's Asbestos & Co.	125	\$64, sellers
China-Borneo Co.	\$12	\$10, sellers
China Light & L. Co.	\$10	\$9, sellers
China Provident	\$10	\$8.90, buyers

Cotton Mills		
Ewo	150	150, buyers
Hongkong	150	150, buyers
International	150	150, buyers
Laou Kung Mow	150	150, buyers
Soyabone	150	150, buyers
Dairy Farm	150	150, buyers

Docks and Wharves		
Farnham, B. & Co.	150	150, buyers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	150	150, buyers
H. & W. Dock	150	150, buyers
New Amoy Dock	150	150, buyers
S'hai & H. Wharf	150	150, buyers
Fenwick & Co. Geo.	150	150, buyers
G. Island Cement	150	150, buyers
Hongkong & C. Gas	150	150, buyers
Hongkong Electric	150	150, buyers
H. H. L. Tramways	150	150, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Co.	150	150, buyers
Hongkong Ice Co.	150	150, buyers
Hongkong Rops Co.	150	150, buyers
H'kong S. Waterboat	150	150, buyers

Land and Building		
Hongkong Land	150	150, buyers
Hongkong Land	150	150, buyers
Hongkong Land	150	150, buyers
Hongkong Land	150	150, buyers
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Mining		
Charbonnages	150	150, buyers
Philippine Co.	150	150, buyers
Refineries		
China Sugar	150	150, buyers
Luzon Sugar	150	150, buyers
Steaming Companies		
China and Manilla	150	150, buyers
Douglas Steamship	150	150, buyers
H. Canton & M.	150	150, buyers
Indo-China S.N. Co.	150	150, buyers
Shell Transport Co.	150	150, buyers
Do. Prefecture	150	150, buyers
Star Ferry	150	150, buyers
Do. New	150	150, buyers
Shanghai & H. Dyeing	150	150, buyers
South China M. Post	150	150, buyers
Steam Laundry Co.	150	150, buyers
Stores & Dispensaries		
Campbell, M. & Co.	150	150, buyers
Powell & Co. Wm.	150	150, buyers
Watkins	150	150, buyers
Watson & Co. A. S.	150	150, buyers
United Asbestos	150	150, buyers
Do. Foundries	150	150, buyers

VERNON &amp; SMYTH, Brokers.

## MESSRS. FALCONER &amp; CO'S REGISTER.

February 15th

Barometer 9 A.M. 29.96	Therm. (Wetbulb) 9 A.M. 59
Barometer 1 P.M. 29.98	Therm. (Wetbulb) 1 P.M. 59
Barometer 4 P.M. 29.90	Therm. (Wetbulb) 4 P.M. 59
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## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"TEUTONIA."

Captain Osterich, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-day.

Any Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Wharf and Godown Company's Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th Feb. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th Feb., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1906. [394]

## "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENEDICTI."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:

From London, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000, 1002, 1004, 1006, 1008, 1010, 1012, 1014, 1016, 1018, 1020, 1022, 1024, 1026, 1028, 1030, 1032, 1034, 1036, 1038, 1040, 1042, 1044, 1046, 1048, 1050, 1052, 1054, 1056, 1058, 1060, 1062, 1064, 1066, 1068, 1070, 1072, 1074, 1076, 1078, 1080, 1082, 1084, 1086, 1088, 1090, 1092, 1094, 1096, 1098, 1100, 1102, 1104, 1106, 1108, 1110, 1112, 1114, 1116, 1118, 1120, 1122, 1124, 1126, 1128, 1130, 1132, 1134, 1136, 1138, 1140, 1142, 1144, 1146, 1148, 1150, 1152, 1154, 1156, 1158, 1160, 1162, 1164, 1166, 1168, 1170, 1172, 1174, 1176, 1178, 1180, 1182, 1184, 1186, 1188, 1190, 1192, 1194, 1196, 1198, 1200, 1202, 1204, 1206, 1208, 1210, 1212, 1214, 1216, 1218, 1220, 1222, 1224, 1226, 1228, 1230, 1232, 1234, 1236, 1238, 1240, 1242, 1244, 1246, 1248, 1250, 1252, 1254, 1256, 1258, 1260, 1262, 1264, 1266, 1268, 1270, 1272, 1274, 1276, 1278, 1280, 1282, 1284, 1286, 1288, 1290, 1292, 1294, 1296, 1298, 1300, 1302, 1304, 1306, 1308, 1310, 1312, 1314, 1316, 1318, 1320, 1322, 1324, 1326, 1328, 1330, 1332, 1334, 1336, 1338, 1340, 1342, 1344, 1346, 1348, 1350, 1352, 1354, 1356, 1358, 1360, 1362, 1364, 1366, 1368, 1370, 1372, 1374, 1376, 1378, 1380, 1382, 1384, 1386, 1388, 1390, 1392, 1394, 1396, 1398, 1400, 1402, 1404, 1406, 1408, 1410, 1412, 1414, 1416, 1418, 1420, 1422, 1424, 1426, 1428, 1430, 1432, 1434, 1436, 1438, 1440, 1442, 1444, 1446, 1448, 1450, 1452, 1454, 1456, 1458, 1460, 1462, 1464, 1466, 1468, 1470, 1472, 1474, 1476, 1478, 1480, 148